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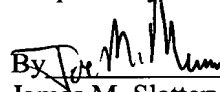
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AMENDED CLAIMS (Article 34, Second)

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8. (Amended) A makeup mirror unit comprising:

a wash and makeup stand;

triple mirrors installed in the upper portion of the wash and makeup stand, which comprise a main mirror, a left sub mirror and a right sub mirror;

a cabinet body; and

frames fixed to a portion of the cabinet body, which is near to the main mirror, so as to freely rotate in a horizontal direction with a limited rotation angle,

wherein the sub mirrors are fixed to the outer ends of the frames so as to freely rotate in a horizontal direction, the side ends of the sub mirrors are adjacent with respect to each other in a state where the left and right sub mirrors are positioned in the front center portion of the makeup mirror unit, and when a user uses the sub mirrors in a state where the sub mirrors move forward toward the user by matching the sub mirrors in front of the main mirror, the limited rotation angle prevents the sub mirror from moving toward the main mirror farther than needed, and thereby prevents the main mirror from being damaging by the back surface of the sub mirrors.

9. (Amended) A makeup mirror unit comprising:

a cabinet body;

a main mirror provided in a substantially central portion of the front surface of the cabinet body;

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sub mirrors provided at both ends of the main mirror;
rack portions which are covered by the sub mirrors; and
frames fixed to a portion of the front surface of the rack portions, which is near to the main mirror, so as to freely rotate in a horizontal direction with a limited rotation angle,

wherein the sub mirrors are fixed to the outer ends of the frames so as to freely rotate in a horizontal direction, the side ends of the sub mirrors are adjacent with respect to each other in a state where the left and right sub mirrors are positioned in the front center portion of the makeup mirror unit, and when a user uses the sub mirrors in a state where the sub mirrors move forward toward the user by matching the sub mirrors in front of the main mirror, the limited rotation angle prevents the sub mirror from moving toward the main mirror farther than needed, and thereby prevents the main mirror from being damaging by the back surface of the sub mirrors.

10. (Added) The makeup mirror unit according to claim 9, wherein the main mirror rotates.

11. (Added) The makeup mirror unit according to any one of claims 8-10, wherein the width of the sub mirror is $1/2 - 2/3$ of the main mirror.

12. (Added) The makeup mirror unit according to any one of claims 8-11, wherein the frame comprises a vertical member, and the vertical member is positioned at the end which is near to the rotation center of the sub mirror.

13. (Added) The makeup mirror unit according to claim 12, wherein the frame has a C shape comprising the vertical member, an upper horizontal member and a lower horizontal member.

14. (Added) The makeup mirror unit according to any one of claims 8-10, wherein a hinge is provided for fixing the frame to the cabinet body so as to freely rotate, and the rotation axis of the hinge is located at a position of overlapping with the sub mirror in a closed state from a plan view or at a forward position thereto.

15. (Added) The makeup mirror unit according to any one of claims 8-10, wherein a seat of a hinge for fixing the frame and the sub mirror is clamped to a back surface of the frame, and the other seat of the hinge is clamped to the back surface of the sub

mirror.

16. (Added) The makeup mirror unit according to any one of claims 8-10, wherein a seat of a hinge for fixing the frame and the sub mirror is integrally formed with the frame, and a seat of a hinge for fixing the frame to the cabinet body is integrally formed with the frame.

17. (Added) The makeup mirror unit according to any one of claims 8-10, wherein a simple coupling member including a magnet, a sheet fastener, or a hook is provided in the ends of the sub mirrors near to the main mirror so as to couple the sub mirrors.

18. (Added) The makeup mirror unit according to any one of claims 8-10, wherein a rack portion for small goods is provided in the back surface of the sub mirror, which utilizes the thickness of the frame.

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